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Grocery deal 'a go'

DEVELOPMENT

**SkyCity says to
expect details
on downtown
store by spring**



**Stephanie
Taylor**
Metro | Winnipeg

The wait may be over for Winnipeg locals hungry for a new grocery store to sprout up downtown.

On Tuesday, a realtor for the Toronto developer of SkyCity Centre — Fortress Real Developments Inc. — confirmed an announcement is expected in the coming months, making good on an earlier promise to include a grocery store in its plans to build a 47-storey retail and condo tower on Graham Avenue.

"We're going to release our actual construction partner,

the grocer and our construction schedule by March," Matthews Nicolas said, adding the deal is "a go."

Nicolas offered few details, but said the store would exceed 10,000 square feet. Construction is to begin in 2017 and be completed by 2019.

Luring a new grocery store to the city's urban core has been an issue after the number of supermarkets in the area began to dwindle. Most notable was the 2013 closure of the market in the basement of The Bay building, which left a gap, says Stefano Grande, executive director of the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ.

In an effort to close that gap, he points to the BIZ's pop-up farmers market and how three convenience stores opened in the area.

"But despite that, there's still a need for that full-line grocery store where someone can load up on everything that they need for the week," Grande said.



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Dog rescue asking for public help with vet bills

ANIMAL CARE

Charity cannot afford to take more canines without help

A non-profit charity that rescues starving and freezing dogs from Manitoba's northern communities is asking for donations to help cover the cost of veterinary bills.

On Tuesday, Manitoba Underdogs Rescue said they were struggling to pay \$8,000 in vet bills after taking in 13 stray dogs from remote northern communities.

sick and injured dogs in their care, which are suffering from a variety of ailments, including blindness, broken bones and extreme dental pain.

Hansen said the overpopulation of stray dogs in northern communities is a "huge problem."

"Stray dogs are everywhere, and even some of the owned animals are left outside year-round to fend for themselves. The temperatures are frighteningly low, and food is scarce. These poor pups are literally freezing to death every day. It's the most heartbreaking thing you can ever imagine. They're eating garbage and struggling to keep warm."



Without us they would freeze or starve, and we just can't leave them to die alone.

Jessica Hansen

"It's heartbreaking," Jessica Hansen, the non-profit's executive director, said in a press release.

"We bring these dogs in from the cold and you cross your fingers that they're going to be OK. Sometimes all they need is a bit of TLC, but sadly sometimes they're very, very sick. But you can't say no. You just can't. Without us they would freeze or starve, and we just can't leave them to die alone."

Currently, they have five

If a dog needs a home, we find it."

Unless the organization pays down some of its vet bills, they say they cannot afford to take in more dogs.

Donations for Atlas, T-Rex, Tanner, Boris and Esme — the five pooches currently in care — are now being accepted at the Southglen Veterinary Hospital in the city or on the Manitoba Underdogs Website: www.manitobaunderdogs.org/donate.

METRO STAFF



T-Rex is doing OK after being rescued from the cold. HANDOUT

IN BRIEF

Hotel undergoing renos gives furniture to refugees

A hotel that is being converted into luxury apartments is giving 34 suites' worth of bed frames, mattresses and sofas to Syrian refugees.

John Saad, general manager of Place Louis Riel Suite Hotel, said it is a great "repurpose" of the furniture and it gives people a fresh start with their new lives in Canada.

Ahmad Jameel, a refugee, said through a translator that they are thankful for any help offered and called it "amazing" and "wonderful."

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Former Manitoba fire commissioner sentenced

A former Manitoba fire commissioner has been handed a 21-month conditional sentence after pleading guilty to breach of trust and forgery last November.

Christopher Jones took up to \$50,000 of provincial money, stolen in 21 different bunches between 2009 and 2011.

Jones read a statement in court last week apologizing, adding he was not at risk to reoffend.

Under the terms of his conditional sentence, Jones will have to stay at home unless otherwise approved by a conditional sentence officer and will have a curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for the final six months.

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A new defence in stormy weather

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Flood response will improve with forecasting centre: Province



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Recommendations made by the 2011 flood review task force were taken into consideration with Manitoba's new flood forecast centre in downtown Winnipeg.

Assistant Deputy Minister of Water Management Dave McMahon said the main advantage of the new facility is "consolidated operations."

"We have all of our water forecasting and engineering people all in one facility and they can work as a team," he said, noting they had previously been at multiple locations, which could have slowed flood response planning.

The flood operations data room also boasts nearly \$170,000 in new computer equipment to better analyze forecasts, crunch precipitation data and predict flooding.



Assistant Deputy Minister of Water Management Dave McMahon shows Premier Greg Selinger the "war room" for flood response planning. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Forecasters will have access to real-time weather and hydro-metric information.

"It's (improved) visualization more than anything else," McMahon said.

He also said the new, larger conference room filled with monitors will help get all of the relevant parties around the table to debate factors and plan the prov-

ince's response to flood events, calling it the "war room."

Premier Greg Selinger, along for the tour on what would be his last in a salvo of pre-election-blackout announcements, said that the centre took into account lessons learned in 2009, 2011 and 2014 during major floods.

"By having this (centre) here, it allows our people to do an even

better job of visualizing what the risks are for Manitobans and being able to get in front of (those risks) with proper measures on the ground," he said.

The 15,000-square-foot facility staff moved into in December will cost about \$1.5 million, which includes the price of a 20-year lease on the space at 280 Broadway.

+ PRE-ELECTION ACTION

Park, United Way funding among premier's promises

In addition to flood protection, Premier Greg Selinger promised money for a park and a non-profit agency Tuesday as he capped off his pre-election announcement blitz that by law had to stop by the end of the day.

The NDP enacted legislation in 2009 that all government advertising and announcements must stop 90 days before a provincial election — a date that is fixed and comes this year on April 19. As a result, the government has been making several announcements a day — often more than a dozen — since the start of the year.

The blitz had Opposition Leader Brian Pallister accusing the NDP of trying to "spend its way to popularity."

"There's always a certain advantage ... to having your hand on the reins of power,"

Pallister said Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Selinger promised \$15 million for a new garden conservatory that is supposed to be cost-shared with the federal government and the private sector. The announcement was made even though the federal government has yet to commit. The premier also announced up to \$1.5 million a year for the United Way, and led a media tour of a new office for the province's flood forecasting staff.

The announcement-blackout period used to be much shorter, but the New Democrats lengthened it to 90 days from 35. The idea was to level the playing field so that the party in power could not use government funds to make what amounted to election promises.

Limited exceptions include matters of public safety and advertising tenders for government contracts. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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A matter of life and death

MENTAL HEALTH

Indigenous people have more suicidal thoughts: Stats



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

New data analysis by Statistics Canada has revealed more than one in five First Nations people living off reserve, Inuit and Métis adults have considered suicide.

Men and women in all three aboriginal groups were also more likely than non-aboriginals to report suicidal thoughts.

Statistics Canada found 25.8 per cent of off reserve First Nations women reported suicidal thoughts compared to 13.8 per cent of non-aboriginal women, and 23.1 per cent of First Nations men have as well, compared to 11.1 per cent of non-aboriginal men.

Damon Johnston, president of the Aboriginal Council of

Winnipeg, said the revelation is "not a new thing."

He said the issue has been known in the indigenous community for a while, "and it hasn't gotten much better."

Johnston explained a big part of improving the situation would mean improving "the aboriginal capacity right now in the delivery of mental health programs and services." "That's been a weakness," he said.

Part of the reason it hasn't improved, according to Johnston, is a poor relationship between indigenous groups and the former Conservative federal government, which cut funding to aboriginal affairs.

"Now we have a new government moving to change those things," Johnston said.

He's optimistic that with better relationships and hopefully increased funding, the situation can improve; but he and the Aboriginal Council aren't sitting idly by to wait for that to happen.

The group has launched a new Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle to bring a coalition of community groups



The Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg has launched an effort to address the challenge. THINKSTOCK

"We have a new government moving to change those things ..."
Damon Johnston

together to craft an aboriginal community plan for Winnipeg.

"That plan will look at all of these issues, every program area from justice, to health, to you name it," Johnston said of the initiative, which began in September with the help of former city planning director, Harry Finnigan.

Johnston also sits on the board of the Canadian Mental Health Association of Winnipeg. He said there's a "mix match of both non-indigenous and indigenous organizations" offering mental health supports, and the community plan will look at optimizing the efforts from all of them.

MUNICIPALITY

Golf on upswing



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Coun. Brian Mayes told a city committee on innovation that golf courses are no longer losing \$1 million per year.

"It's a good news story," Mayes said. "People are coming back to (golf courses), we're investing some money in them."

An administrative report on the 2016 golf services business plan shows a 10 per cent increase in the number of rounds played at Kildonan Park, Windsor Park, Crescent Drive and Harbour View — the four city-owned golf courses — over the past year compared to the 2014 season.

In 2014, city staff pointed to a wet and cold spring for the drop in rounds played.

In total, the city's golf services deficit is expected to drop from \$7.7 million in 2014 to \$6.3 million in 2016, thanks to annual transfers of \$0.75 million from the city's general reserve fund.

IN BRIEF

'Missing children' focus of latest phone scam: Police

Winnipeg Police are warning residents not to fall for the latest telephone scam, asking for donations to help find missing children. People have contacted the police about receiving calls about donating to a fictitious company named C & K Canada.

Allegedly, a fraudster calls a victim and claims to represent C & K Canada, along with the city's police force, asking for donations for publications on missing chil-

dren in order to help locate them. Police report that the number (204) 192-8457 may appear on call display.

People are being cautioned not to talk to or send any payments to these callers, but instead call police immediately. METRO

Grant Park area studied

The city is looking to develop a road map to improve the 40-acre Grant Park area as part of its Grant Park Campus Area Plan. The city seeks a consultant to study the site, which

includes the Grant Park Shopping Centre, Pan Am Pool and various apartment blocks. The consultant would also examine planned expansions of the library and arena rink are feasible.

Coun. John Orlikow recently said replacing the Charles A. Barbour arena with a double ice surface facility is in the works, with details still yet to be finalized. Relocating the River Heights library to the site in 2016 is also one of the main drivers behind the plan.

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Iranian-born **Saeed Malekpour** emigrated to Canada in 2004 and was awaiting Canadian citizenship as a permanent resident. However, he is now serving a life sentence in Evin prison. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Time may be ripe to lift Iran sanctions

When the plane carrying Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian and two other freed American prisoners touched down in Germany on Saturday, a new page was turned in U.S.-Iran relations.

The prisoners' release, enabled by the diplomatic bond between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, also gives new hope to two Canadian permanent residents behind bars in Iran.

Saeed Malekpour, serving a life sentence, and Mostafa Azizi, an eight-year term, are also political prisoners. And relatives are awaiting word from the Trudeau government that the chilly relationship between Canada and Iran that grew colder with the severing of diplomatic relations in 2012 will thaw enough to allow a new rapport.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau welcomed the "quiet diplomacy" that led to the Iran nuclear deal.

In his election campaign, Trudeau pledged to reopen the Tehran embassy that was shuttered under the Harper government. But Foreign Minister Stephane Dion said that while it "cannot be done overnight," it would be done "properly in a timely manner."

A more rapid move could be the lifting of Canadian sanctions against Iran. A briefing note written for Trudeau and obtained by The Canadian Press

says that Ottawa could lift them "as early as winter 2016 and as late as summer 2016."

Dion suggested the cabinet would make a decision quickly — a move that could give Canadian companies the chance to bid for Iranian contracts that might be snapped up by the U.S.

Whether warming relations would lead to the release of the Canadian prisoners is still in question.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Group's vision 'unattainable'

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Economic chill ends campaign for national birthday bash

Those loveable movie nitwits Wayne and Garth — who thought any time was an excellent party time — would be crushed.

Organizers of the "Canada 150 Give Back" campaign, an effort by corporate and political leaders to inspire Canadians to celebrate the country's 150th birthday in 2017, announced Monday that economic circum-

stances have obliged them to pull the plug on the planned national bash.

"The goal here was to build an epic, unprecedented movement, and there was a lot of interest," said Phil von Finckenstein of Maple Leaf Strategies, the firm that dreamed up the idea.

"But unfortunately economics intervened."

Von Finckenstein told Torstar News Service on Tuesday that "people's budgets were being constrained everywhere, people were getting laid off. You don't then turn around and finance an innovative cele-



It's disappointing. We were at it for two years.

Phil von Finckenstein of Maple Leaf Strategies

bration of the country's birthday, as much as you might love it."

Former Quebec premier Jean Charest, one of a number of "ambassadors to the

movement," said when it was announced a year ago that the intention was to have communities organize projects that wouldn't otherwise get done.

Organizers were hoping to replicate the sort of patriotic feeling that swept Canada in the Centennial celebration of 1967, but with citizen-led rather than government-promoted programs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Lifetime water heating costs

The decision to replace a water heater often needs to be made in a hurry. Heaters can fail suddenly, leaving no time to comparison shop.

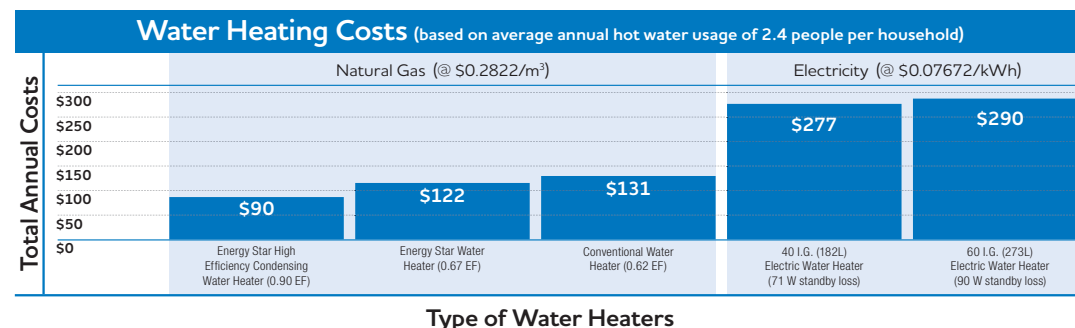
The graph below shows the typical water heating costs for an average Manitoba household. Costs are based on an average household of 2.4 people consuming about 140 litres of hot water daily, heated up 50°C. Your water heating costs may differ, depending on the type of water heater you have, how much hot water you use, and future energy rates.

At current rates, the chart shows that the average Manitoba household with a conventional natural gas water heater would have an annual water heating bill of \$131. ENERGY STAR® qualifying (sidewall power vented) gas water heaters are now available which would heat water for only \$122 per year.

Larger hot water users can further reduce costs by installing high efficiency condensing water heaters. Be aware that the cost of installing high efficiency condensing water heaters can be significant (\$3,000 to \$5,000).

The same household with a 60 gallon electric water heater would have an annual water heating bill of \$290, which is double the cost of a conventional gas water heater. Over the average 10 year life of a natural gas water heater this would result in over \$1,500 in savings. In addition, electric water heaters can't heat water as quickly as natural gas water heaters, so it is usually necessary to compensate by having a larger electric tank.

For more details on energy options for water heating, visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca/water



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Iraqi civilians dying at 'staggering' rate

MIDDLE EAST

Nearly 19,000 were killed over 22-month span, says UN report

Iraq witnessed a sharp increase in civilian deaths following the fall of large swaths of territory to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in the summer of 2014. Now despite a string of recent battlefield losses for ISIL, civilians in Iraq continue to die at a "staggering" rate, according to a new United Nations report.

At least 18,802 civilians were killed and another 36,245 were wounded in Iraq between the start of 2014 and Oct. 31 of last year, according to the report released Tuesday.

"Despite their steady losses to pro-government forces, the scourge of ISIL continues to kill, maim and displace Iraqi civilians in the thousands," UN envoy Jan

Kubis said in a statement.

The numbers are nowhere near the death tolls recorded during Iraq's civil war. In 2006 more than 34,000 civilians were killed, according to UN data.

Civilian casualties since the rise of ISIL in Iraq are considerably higher than the preceding years of relative stability. In 2011, the number of civilian deaths due to violence was at its lowest since the civil war, with fewer than 2,800 killed.

UN human-rights chief Zeid Raad al-Hussein said the civilian death toll may be even higher.

"Even the obscene casualty figures fail to accurately reflect exactly how terribly civilians are suffering in Iraq," he said.

The UN report also documented human-rights abuses, such as ISIL's conscription of 3,500 people into slavery. Many of those are women and children from the Yazidi religious minority who were taken hostage and forced into sexual slavery in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People carry the body of a victim killed in a truck bombing in Jameela market in the predominantly Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, in August 2015. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

INDIA

Suicide of student triggers protest

Shouting slogans and holding placards on Tuesday, hundreds of students angrily protested the death of an Indian student who, along with four others, was barred from using some facilities at his university in the southern tech-hub of Hyderabad.

The protesters accused Hyderabad University's vice-chancellor and a federal minister of unfairly demanding punishment for the five

lower-caste students after they clashed last year with a group of students supporting the governing Hindu nationalist party.

Police are investigating whether actions by the officials contributed to the 26-year-old doctoral student's death, which they say was a suicide. He had been a member of a group representing Dalits, the lowest caste in India's Hindu caste hierarchy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Students cry out for redress.

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IN BRIEF

ISIL confirms death of 'Jihadi John'

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has acknowledged the death of the masked militant known as "Jihadi John," who appeared in several videos depicting the beheadings of Western hostages, the SITE Intelligence Group said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green-thumbed astronaut nurses zinnia to full bloom

The International Space Station now has a bright pop of orange, thanks to commander Scott Kelly's green thumb. Kelly showed off his gardening results — a thriving zinnia with a beautiful orange-yellow bloom — over the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Postmedia cuts 90 jobs

PRINT MEDIA

Journalists take to Twitter to announce their layoffs

Postmedia Network Canada Corp., Canada's largest newspaper chain, has begun making dramatic cuts at its media properties — including merging newsroom operations in cities where it has two papers.

In a memo to all staff, Paul Godfrey, president and CEO, said the company was eliminating 90 jobs across the chain as part of efforts to cut \$80 million in costs by next year.

However, Godfrey made it clear that it would continue to operate the two papers in Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, though there will be only one newsroom.

"Let me be clear on one very important point — we will continue to operate separate brands in each of these markets. What is changing is how we produce these products," Godfrey said. Each city will



Multimedia reporter Sam Cooley makes his way to his car after being laid off from the Ottawa Sun on Tuesday. Postmedia is stepping up plans to slash costs amid mounting revenue losses.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

have one newsroom, under one editor. It also plans to offer a buyout program in the Vancouver and Ottawa newsrooms as part of the one newsroom initiative.

On Twitter, journalists started announcing their own departures including the National Post's basketball writer

Eric Koreen and Edmonton Journal's editor-in-chief Margo Goodhand and managing editor Stephanie Coombs.

Goodhand tweeted: "So sorry to leave that tremendously talented @edmonton-journal newsroom. No regrets."

Coombs tweeted: "Super

sad to say as of today, I'm no longer with the @edmonton-journal. It's been a privilege to work there and tell Edmonton's stories."

Last week, when Postmedia, which owns the National Post and the Toronto Sun, reported its latest earnings, executives made it clear that it was ac-

+ POSITIONS LOST

Number of jobs lost across Postmedia operations:

■ **Edmonton Journal & Edmonton Sun:** 35 combined jobs were lost.

■ **Calgary Herald & Calgary Sun:** 25 combined jobs were lost.

■ **Ottawa Citizen & Ottawa Sun:** A total of 12 jobs were lost.

■ **National Post:** Five jobs were lost, mostly in the sports department.

■ **Saskatoon Star-Phoenix:** One job lost

■ **Windsor Star:** One job lost.

celerating its goal to cut costs as it continues to bleed advertising, print circulation and digital media revenue.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SUN TAKEOVER

Top 6 execs get sunny bonuses

In the midst of its cuts, Postmedia is paying nearly a million dollars in bonuses to executives for their hand in the deal to buy the Sun newspapers.

A total of \$925,000 in discretionary bonuses was paid out to its top six executives in the 2015 fiscal year ended in August, according to company documents filed Wednesday.

CEO Paul Godfrey, whose base salary was unchanged at \$950,000, received \$400,000 in the payout. He was also the only executive to receive a bonus under the short-term incentive plan. Godfrey's total compensation was \$1.76 million, up from \$1.42 million the previous year.

Ousted chief operating officer Wayne Parrish received a \$150,000 bonus related to the Sun acquisition, plus a \$1-million severance package after his termination in July — twice his \$475,000 base salary.

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Unstable times, except in the C-suite. **metroVIEWS**

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THE ISSUE

I have two cats. Certain allergic friends show up at my house and, forgetting I have them, request an antihistamine. If you're that allergic, shouldn't you carry a Claritin in your wallet?

Dear Ellen,

I have two cats. Certain allergic friends routinely show up at my house forgetting I have them, and then request an antihistamine. A while back, a friend even brought another friend, whom I didn't know, and the friend of the friend seized up and started pleading for me to find an antihistamine. Sorry, but cats aren't iguanas or tarantulas — it's not that rare for someone to have one. He should keep a bloody Claritin in his wallet if he's that allergic. I spent 10 minutes searching the house for a remedy while my other guests waited to have their cocktails made. Advice?

Victor, Toronto

Dear Victor,

You don't mention whether or not your 10 minutes of searching resulted in finding an antihistamine or not. Should I wonder if, even if you did find one, that you might have pretended otherwise in order to let the allergic friend of the friend suffer? Or even have to leave the party if the symptoms overwhelmed him?

That wouldn't be the best example of good manners, I suppose. But I could certainly understand the impulse. And I say this as a guest who has committed the sin you describe more than once: I know I'm al-

Guests who come for dinner should come with the attitude that they're lucky to be there at all.



lergic to cats, have forgotten about my host's cats and have then asked said host for an antihistamine on the few occasions I've failed to pack my own.

Now that I see it from your point of view, I'm acutely aware of how annoying this must be. To all my cat-owning friends who've so kindly provided me with pills over the years, please accept my sincere apologies!

The point is guests who come for dinner, be they allergic, non-allergic, invited or uninvited, should come with the attitude that they're lucky to be there at all. The only demand any guest may reasonably make is to have access to a washroom with a working door.

Otherwise, their job is to show abject gratitude from the moment they enter bearing a bouquet of flowers, bot-

tle of something nice, and a policy of praising everything you own, say or do — from the cleverly situated salt-encrusted boot tray in your front hall right down to the dusty after-dinner mints you apparently filched from the checkout counter at a family restaurant in 2002.

You as host, meanwhile, have the equally important responsibility of pretending everything your guests say or do is utterly charming: "No, I didn't know you were a vegan — let me whip up a toasted-kale and chickpea loaf for you"; "Don't worry about that old crystal; it's just a wedding gift my great-grandmother smuggled out of Odessa before the revolution. It was bound to break some day hahaha!"

It sounds as if you did play the perfect host in the scenario you describe, Victor,

so you don't need etiquette advice. What you do need is practical advice so you can avoid the ill-effects of lasting resentment over rudely allergic guests and your simmering anxiety over failing to get drinks quickly into the hands of your other guests.

You have two choices: 1) Keep some antihistamines on hand, ideally in the spice cupboard between the anise and the Baharat, which you can easily access when an allergic freeloader shows up; 2) Rid your house of all antihistamines so you can truthfully say, "Sorry, I don't have anything on hand, but there's a Shoppers just down the road."

And then start serving those drinks.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Dear media execs, when times get tough, the tough take pay cuts

If he has a heart, which some journalists doubt, Paul Godfrey might now be regretting those diamond-studded Sun newspaper cufflinks.

Turns out, they're not such a good look for a job-slashing newspaper CEO.

Yesterday Postmedia announced it's cutting 90 jobs and dramatically changing the local news scene in four cities by merging the newsrooms of its Sun-tabloid and broadsheet papers in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Ottawa.

As Canadian journalists flocked to Twitter to decry the news, Godfrey's name topped the trending charts, and photos of his executive bling flooded newsfeeds.

To be clear: Newspapers everywhere are in crisis. Print-ad revenue continues to dive, and online ads can't come close to filling the gap.

But the crisis has yet to hit the salaries of Canadian media executives.

Journalists, ad reps and admin staff are the ones bearing the brunt of the industry's beating. Yet the C-suite is still downright lucrative. And the incongruence is galling.

In a memo to staff, Godfrey used pat euphemisms such as "ongoing pressures" and described the cuts as a "transformation." Postmedia's plan to cut \$80 million by the end of 2017 "requires

looking at everything in a new way," he noted. "Nothing is off the table."

Except, presumably, cutting his own salary.

Postmedia posted a net loss of \$4.2 million late last year. At the same time, Godfrey enjoyed a pay raise. He earned \$1.76 million in 2015, up from \$1.42 million the year before. He and his executive-suite colleagues were handsomely rewarded to the tune of \$925,000 for having overseen the acquisition of the Sun chain earlier this year — a deal that made yesterday's "transformation" possible.

Of course, Postmedia isn't the only company with well-paid executives and struggling newspapers. Quebecor paid its CEO nearly \$15 million in 2014, the year after it slashed more than 1,000 Sun Media jobs. According to Bloomberg, the total calculated compensation of the CEO of Torstar, which owns this newspaper, the Toronto Star and Metroland papers, was about \$3 million in 2014.

(The Globe and Mail is privately held, and isn't required to divulge executive pay.)

Every North American paper is suffering, and obviously it's not because every CEO is bad at her job.

But the least executives can do is show times really are rough, and take a pay cut.

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Best of men's runway

With male models about to walk the runways in Paris and New York, we take a look at the biggest Fall/Winter 2016 fashion and beauty trends straight from Milan. THE CANADIAN PRESS/GETTY IMAGES

Boyish bohemian at Gucci

Creative director Alessandro Michele unpacked a chest full of 1970s memories for his latest Gucci menswear collection. His runway-realized looks reference a happy boyhood, with Sherlock Holmes-style detective capes and caps, Snoopy and Woodstock motifs on T-shirts, a Charlie Brown sweater, and a crinkly Western cowboy shirt with boot-leg jeans. Grown-up Gucci looks incorporated floral prints, a mainstay of the house, into embellished and embroidered coats and suits, and pyjamas.

Lap of luxury at Fendi

Life is pretty plush at Fendi. A model glided down a carpeted spiral staircase in a soft plaid overcoat-cum-dayrobe with matching trousers to soothing soul music. Think Jack Nicholson playing golf in his robe, one of the references on Silvia Venturini Fendi's mood board backstage.

Fendi's looks were all about cozy comfort, right down to the lush accessories: A parka with yellow fur trim was paired with a large yellow, furry bag. Plaids and checks on jackets, pants and bags created a homey feel, and Fendi boldly paired mohair jackets with matching pants, for a definite Fozzie Bear feel.

Urban formal at Emporio Armani

The Emporio Armani man is urban and sleek. There is no excess, just the essential. Giorgio Armani used new technology to bond materials for his more contemporary line, creating new forms and a futuristic feel. Formal double-breasted jackets were worn with pleated trousers. A shawl jacket with diagonal zipper was paired with athletically cut pants.

BEAUTY

Side part

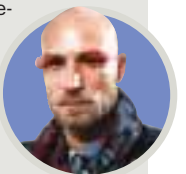
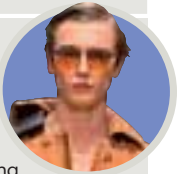
The go-to look for designers, Prada distinguished itself by opting for a slicked-over do. Philipp Plein exaggerated the look by letting roots show on dyed hair.

Long hair

Many models strutted with long hair breezing out behind them. At Vivienne Westwood the look was bedraggled, while at Calvin Klein models wore their shoulder-length locks with a slick center part.

David Bowie beauty

The most eye-catching looks were at Moncler Gamme Bleu, where models sported camouflage face paint and false lashes. While Vivienne Westwood sent models out wearing vibrant eyeshadow that matched their shirts. AFP



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An apeeling tuna melt

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Tuna Melt with Banana

Sound nuts? Well you'd be nuts not to try this...

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon canned tuna
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 packed cup plus 1 tablespoon grated/shredded mature/sharp Cheddar cheese
- 2 teaspoons Taste #5 Umami Bomb/Paste Original Recipe [available on Amazon]
- freshly squeezed juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 tablespoons coriander/cilantro, finely chopped
- freshly ground black pepper
- 2 thick slices sourdough bread
- butter
- 1 small red onion, cut in half and finely sliced

- 1 banana, sliced diagonally

Directions

1. Preheat the grill/broiler to the highest setting.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the tuna, mayonnaise, most of the Cheddar cheese (leaving some to sprinkle on top), Umami Bomb/Paste, lemon juice and coriander/cilantro and season with plenty of freshly ground black pepper.

3. Place a large frying pan/skillet over a medium high heat. Butter one side of each slice of bread and place the bread, buttered-side down, in the pan/skillet. Top with slices of onion and banana.

4. Cook until the bottom of the bread is well toasted. Transfer slices of bread, toasted-side down, to a baking sheet and top with the tuna mixture and a sprinkling of extra Cheddar.

5. Put under the preheated grill/broiler for around 5 minutes until the topping is golden and bubbling.

Serve immediately.

This recipe serves 1.



Laura Santtini CONTRIBUTED

Laura Santtini is a food writer and ‘gastropreneur’ whose debut cookbook, *Easy Tasty Italian* won the Best First Book Award at the Guild of Food Writers Awards. A world expert in flavour, her follow-up book *Flash Cooking* pioneered a new cooking genre. Laura recently stepped into the family business — the Italian restaurant Santtini in Belgravia, famed for being Frank Sinatra’s favorite restaurant in the capital.



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Denis Leary's knack for writing banter

THE SHOW: *Sirens*, Season 1, Episode 1 (Crave)

THE MOMENT: The first conversation

Three Chicago EMTs are speeding to hospital. The driver is Johnny (Michael Mosley), whose cop girlfriend has a hot male partner. Attending to the victim is Hank (Kevin Daniels). The new guy is Brian (Kevin Bigley). Their conversation is lightning fast.

Johnny: She wouldn't say that if she didn't still care about me.
Hank: Alternate theory — she wants into Denzel's pants.
Brian: I think his name is Danny.

Hank: Denzel to me. Hot Mo Better Blues Denzel. (to Brian) I'm gay, by the way.
Brian tries to be cool.

Brian: You know who I think is a good-looking guy? Tim Tebow.
Hank: Who's your ICE (in case of emergency contact), Brian?
Brian: My mom. Well, she lives right upstairs.
Johnny: You got a girlfriend?
Brian: We broke up. She got



Sirens follows some fast talking Chicago EMTs. CONTRIBUTED

clingy.

Hank: Your girlfriend's clingy. Tim Tebow is handsome. I got a better shot at p— tonight, and all I'm thinking about is Denzel's lips.

Johnny: Can we stop calling him Denzel?

I knew nothing about this show (USA cancelled it last April),

but this is love at first sight. Isn't that a thrill — when you know instantly you're in expert hands?

Denis Leary co-created *Sirens*, and like his previous series, the excellent *Rescue Me*, it shines brightest when characters give each other s—. Leary has a genius ear for how funny people talk.

AWARDS

Nominees announced for CSAs

The Canadian Screen Awards will have some Oscar-style glamour this year.

Room, the chilling story of a young mother and five-year-old young son held in captivity by her kidnapper, leads the CSA pack with 11 nominations, including nods for Best Motion Picture, Best Director (Lenny Abrahamson) Best Actress for Brie Larson, Best Actor for Canadian Jacob Tremblay and Best Supporting Actress for Joan Allen. The Irish-Canadian production, winner of the 2015 TIFF People's Choice Award, has four Oscar nominations.

Triple Oscar nominee Brooklyn, also an Irish-Canadian co-production, is up for three CSAs, including Best Motion Picture, although star Saoirse Ronan was overlooked.

It's too early to say which stars will be seen on the red carpet or at the CSA gala, hosted by comedian Norm Macdonald at the Sony Centre and telecast on CBC on March 13. Past CSA host Martin Short will receive a lifetime achievement award at the awards evening.

Martin Katz, chair of the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, pointed out there were 21 Oscar nominations for Canadians this year, helping make

it a "record-breaking year" for homegrown film.

For the first time there are 10 Best Motion Picture nominees, including *Corbo*, *The Demons* (*Les Démons*), *Felix and Meira*, *The Forbidden Room*, *My Internship in Canada*, *Our Loved Ones* (*Les êtres chers*), *Remember* and *Sleeping Giant*, as well as *Room* and *Brooklyn*.

On the TV side, comedy *Schitt's Creek* led with 14 nods (plus one Digital Media nomination). Father-son team Eugene Levy and Dan Levy are both up for Best Performance by an Actor in a comedic role, with Annie Murphy and Catherine O'Hara

both nominated for Best Performance by an Actress in a Comedy.

Orphan Black has 13 nominations, including Best Actress for star Tatiana Maslany. Police drama *19-2* and comedy *Mr. D* had 12 nominations, with 11 nods for series *The Book of Negroes* (plus one Digital Media nomination).

Paul Gross-directed Afghan war drama *Hyena Road* earned eight nominations on the film side, with seven for *Our Loved Ones* (*Les êtres chers*) and five each for *Endorphine*, *Felix and Meira* (*Félix et Meira*) and *For-saken*. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Brie Larson and Jacob Tremblay star in *Room*, which leads the Canadian Screen Awards with 11 nominations. HANDOUT

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REVIEW

Canyon a great choice for those with oversized needs

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada



Up until now, full-size trucks have been the primary home for diesel engines. But for 2016, GM's midsize GMC Canyon, and its mechanical-twin Chevrolet Colorado, also add diesel power to the portfolio.

It's a four-cylinder with a displacement of just 2.8 litres. But while the Canyon's available 3.6-litre V6 engine makes 269 lb.-ft. of torque, the low-end power that's important on trucks, this little diesel churns out 369 lb.-ft.

It gives this midsize a maximum towing capacity of up to 7,600 lbs. (3,447 kg), an extra 600 lbs. over the V6's top ability.

Given its more manageable footprint over the full-size GMC Sierra, the Canyon could be a good choice for tradespeople who need to haul loads into the city core, or easier parking for those who regularly tow boats or campers.

The diesel's better fuel economy is also a bonus, but you'll

need to drive it a lot before you begin to see the savings.

The engine is a \$4,390 option, and only available on the two highest SLE and SLT trims levels. It comes in 4x2 or 4x4 configuration, but can only be added to Crew Cab models, not to Extended Cab.

It's a great engine to drive, especially in combination with the Canyon's well-weighted steering and smooth handling, and while its diesel rumble is noticeable, I like its sound.

It's hooked exclusively to a six-speed automatic transmission and includes an integrated exhaust brake that helps to slow the truck down on deceleration, a great feature when you're towing.

The Canyon's interior looks like a scaled-down version of the full-size GMC, with easy-to-use controls, comfortable front seats, and rear seats that flip up for access to covered storage cubbies below.

You can kit it out with a number of higher-end options, including navigation, forward collision alert, and heated leather seats.

Although I've listed competitors, all of them are gasoline-only.

For now, GM's twins are the only midsize trucks available with diesel. It's not an engine for everyone, but for those who work their trucks hard, it could potentially be the perfect choice.

THE COMPETITION



Toyota Tacoma
Base price: \$27,995



Nissan Frontier
Base price: \$23,148



Honda Ridgeline
Base price: TBA

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 GMC CANYON

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, midsize pickup truck
Power. 2.8-litre four-cylinder diesel (181/369)
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. \$31,360 (base SLE); \$47,690 (tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Duraflex long-life brake rotors
- Bed-access step in the bumper end
- Available factory spray-in bedliner
- Easy-lift locking tailgate
- Apple CarPlay smartphone connectivity
- Available lane departure warning
- In-vehicle WiFi hot spot



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POINTS

- As with other diesels, it requires diesel exhaust fluid to control emissions.
- It won the midsize category at the Canadian Truck King Challenge last fall.
- The exhaust brake operates automatically depending on speed and incline.
- It can run on biodiesel, if you can find a station that carries it.

MARKET POSITION

• The diesel scandal has affected cars, but it's still a popular choice for pickup trucks. If enough buyers get past the Canyon engine's high buy-in, you might see other manufacturers offering it in smaller trucks as well.

TOKYO MOTOR SHOW

Mini races out new convertible that kicks it up a notch

Just three months after the standard convertible's unveiling at the Tokyo Motor Show, the hot John Cooper Works edition is already racing on to the scene.

Announced on Friday, the new car keeps everything that is good about the latest cabriolet — a roomier, higher quality cabin, a sturdier chassis and a more focused driving experience — and turns the dial up noticeably.

But that doesn't mean that Mini has tightened a few bolts or tweaked the standard car's existing powerplant. The John

Cooper Works edition gets its own special TwinPower turbo two-litre four-cylinder unit. This offers 231bhp — that's 39hp more than any other current soft-top Mini can offer and 20hp more than the last generation John Cooper Works model could serve up. That extra power is channelled to the front wheels and, if it's via the optional Steptronic transmission, will deliver a 0-100km/h time of 6.5 seconds. With the standard manual transmission the car's 0.1 seconds slower to that mark but can hit a 242km/h top speed.

But Minis in general, and John Cooper models in particular, are about the all-round driving sensation. So to ensure this car feels as planted and as responsive as a go-kart it's got Brembo brakes as standard plus speed-sensitive steering support to firm up or loosen the wheel depending on whether you're negotiating a parking space or a hairpin bend.

There is also an electronic differential lock and dynamic traction control as standard while a similarly dynamic damper control system is also available

as an option.

The car also looks like it means business, even at a standstill. It sits on 17-inch alloys, boasts the twin John Cooper racing stripes (as an option) and is available in a unique Rebel Green paint finish. The front grille has wider, more menacing air intakes and the side sills are more pronounced as is the rear apron and taillight design.

Inside, it's a similar story. Standard seats have been replaced by John Cooper sports seats, there's leather trim, and stainless steel pedals. AFP



The new Mini John Cooper Works Convertible. ©MINI

Cheap gas tests eco-friendly push

AUTOMAKERS

Achieving gains more challenging for industry

Beneath the hoods of the cars showing in Detroit this week lie engines that are as powerful as ever, but are smaller and, helped by direct injection, guzzle less gas.

Automakers have subbed out stainless steel for aluminum and other lighter-weight materials, and added more gears to let engines run in "sweet spot" mode more often, so that their cars and trucks can save money on fuel and emit less climate-harming pollutants. But with gasoline prices now nearly half of what they were just two years ago, the question is, do consumers care?

Under pressure from government regulation, fuel economy in U.S. cars has risen 26 per cent since 2004. Yet there are signs of flagging progress. Data from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute suggest fuel economy



GMC's new Acadia SUV weighs 318 kg less than this 2013 version it replaces. Using lighter materials is one way car companies can reduce their carbon footprint. ©CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

fell in 2015, with a significant drop in the last months of the year. With gasoline prices so low, customers appear less pressured to buy more fuel-efficient cars, not to mention electrics and hybrids.

"You hear a lot of noise about demand for hybrids not being

so big," Honda executive vice president John Mendel said at a launch Monday of its Ridgeline pickup truck. "When (gasoline) was four or five bucks a gallon, everybody was clamoring for anything — a hybrid, ... something to take the sting out."

Government pressure since

the late 2000s to improve fuel consumption has spurred the gains. Compliance is determined on gains of individual models and also whether the average efficiency of an automaker's overall fleet is improving enough. Trucks and SUVs, for example, are not expected

"You hear a lot of noise about demand for hybrids not being so big."

John Mendel, Honda

to get the same mileage as sedans and subcompacts, only to improve their mileage each year. But with trucks and SUVs now dominating sales, automakers have to keep improving the performance of those vehicles.

Achieving gains has become more difficult now that the easiest changes — the "low-hanging fruit" — have been implemented, said Wade Newton of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

Others say there is still lots of potential.

"There's lots of room to get efficiency from these engines before we get rid of the internal-combustion engine," said General Motors executive vice president Mark Reuss. AFP

DETROIT AUTO SHOW

Green is the theme

One of the major themes at this year's Detroit Auto Show was greater environmental responsibility, whether via hybrids, plug-in electric or fuel cell.

"We believe Mirai and hydrogen fuel cell technology represents the future of sustainable transportation," said Jim Lentz, Toyota North America CEO.

Toyota is even inviting other companies to use its patents.

"We hope sharing this technology with the auto industry will bring us closer to achieving a future hydrogen society helping us to improve lives for generations to come," continued Lentz.

For its show car, Audi unveiled a hydrogen powered crossover, the h-tron Quattro, and Mercedes and BMW have also indicated their desire to explore the technology, but for the moment, hybrids are key.

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Audi's h-tron Quattro.

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Boxing promoter Bob Arum plans to make a statement against Donald Trump with an all-Hispanic undercard on his next big pay-per-view

MLB

Rangers ace focus of gambling probe

Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish said he is not and has never been involved in gambling activities amid a Major League Baseball investigation, after the arrest of his younger brother in Japan.

Darvish issued a statement through his agent Tuesday that says he understands MLB must conduct an investigation.



Yu Darvish
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"I am certain that they will find that I had no involvement in this matter whatsoever," Darvish said in the statement through his representatives at the Wasserman Media Group.

Sho Darvish was arrested in October in Japan for allegedly running an illegal gambling ring that reportedly took about 1,850 bets on MLB games as well as professional baseball games in Japan. The arrest came after an investigation of more than a year.

Darvish missed all of last season after having ligament replacement surgery in his right arm during spring training. The 29-year-old Darvish is not expected to be ready for the start of the season, but could be back sometime in May.

The Rangers signed Darvish from Japan before the 2012 season. In 83 starts from 2012-14, Darvish was 39-25 with a 3.27 ERA, with 680 strikeouts and 218 walks in 545-1/3 innings pitched.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Murray calls ATP ads 'hypocritical'

Andy Murray finds it "hypocritical" that tennis authorities are trying to stamp out match-fixing run by gambling syndicates but have partnered with a major gambling company that is now advertising on the Australian Open's show courts.



Andy Murray
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The issues have collided at this year's Australian Open, where tennis was overshadowed for a second day Tuesday by allegations that match-fixing has gone unchecked in tennis.

Murray said the sport was sending mixed messages by allowing betting company William Hill to become one of the Australian Open's sponsor's this year and advertise on the tournament's three main show courts.

"I'm not really pro that," Murray, a four-time finalist in Melbourne said Tuesday, after advancing to the second round.

"I think it's a little bit hypocritical," Murray added. "You know, because I don't believe the players are allowed to be sponsored by betting companies, but the tournaments are. I don't really understand how it all works. I think it's a bit strange."

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TENNIS

Nadal eliminated in Round 1

Rafael Nadal lost in the first round of a major for only the second time in his career, beaten in five sets by Fernando Verdasco at the Australian Open in a reversal of their epic, five-hour, 14-minute semifinal here seven years ago.

On Tuesday, Fernando Verdasco rallied from a 2-1 deficit and recovered a break

in the fifth set to claim a 7-6 (6), 4-6, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 win in 4 hours and 41 minutes, only his third victory in 17 matches against his fellow Spanish left-hander.

There were two upsets on the women's side, with No. 2 Simona Halep and seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams also losing in the first round.

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It's doubtful John Scott's usual forte will be on display at the NHL all-star weekend later this month. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not-so-great Scott gets his all-star spot

NHL

Minor-leaguer will get to play in showcase game after all

John Scott's improbable road to the NHL all-star game took another twist Tuesday, with the league confirming he will keep his elected role as Pacific Division captain despite a trade and a demotion.

The journeyman tough guy was chosen to lead the Pacific team at the showcase tournament by a fan vote, but last week he was traded out of the division as part of a deal between Arizona and Montreal. The Canadiens promptly assigned him to the American Hockey League's St. John's IceCaps, making his eligibility for the all-star festivities on Jan. 30-31 in Nashville unclear.

Though the NHL did not publicly comment on the issue until Tuesday, there was some debate as to whether the league would

allow a lumbering, six-foot-eight fighter with 11 career points to play in a 3-on-3 tournament designed to showcase speed and skill.

Fans angry about the prospect of Scott not being allowed to play in the game took to social media over the weekend, creating a FreeJohnScott hashtag.

The NHL says Scott's move to a different division and his minor league assignment "created a unique circumstance that required review."

Scott told the Arizona Repub-

lic when voting began that he didn't want to be voted into the all-star game.

"It would be cool, but I definitely don't deserve it at this point," he said. "You never know. There's still some time left. I could turn it on."

But later he warmed to the idea, printing T-shirts he planned to give to Pacific Division teammates that read: "Thanks for believing in me. Love always, The Captain." Those shirts were sold online for charity after the trade.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Habs have quickly become have-nots

Fire the coach? Make a big trade? Human sacrifice, perhaps?

OK, the last one is a stretch, but it is Montreal and it seems everyone has an antidote to what ails the Canadiens these days.

With the NHL club slumping badly in the past six weeks, the team's fan base is reeling and offering suggestions on how to stop its historic free fall.

"We need scorers, we need

big scorers," Matthew Messier, 21, said Tuesday as he minded the ticket booth at a downtown Montreal ice rink. "They need a real star — pay the price for a young guy who can score goals."

After starting the year at 9-0 — a

team record for the beginning of a season — and trailing for only 2:57 in that stretch, the Canadiens have been plummeting since losing all-world goalie Carey Price to injury for a second time on Nov. 25.

On Dec. 1, the team had a 19-4-3 record. Since Dec. 2, the Canadiens have managed nine points out of a possible 40, last in the league during that time.

As a deep freeze settled over Montreal and they prepared to play their bitter rivals from Boston on Tuesday night, the Cana-



Montreal coach Michel Therrien
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Montreal led the Atlantic Division by 10 points over Ottawa at the end of November. They're now fifth in the division, seven points behind the leading Florida Panthers.

diens found themselves on the verge of falling out of a playoff spot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Margherita Pizza Dinner Waffles



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Our love of breakfast for dinner has forced us to create this addictive culinary mashup.

Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes

Makes 4 waffles

Ingredients

- 3 cups spelt flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup cubed mozzarella
- freshly chopped basil

- 1/4 cup fresh shaved Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup marinara sauce

Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and garlic powder. Add the milk; stir until blended.
2. Heat your waffle iron to desired temperature.
3. Ladle the batter into preheated waffle iron and sprinkle with 1/4 cup mozzarella and basil. Cook the waffles until golden and crisp. Serve immediately with an extra sprinkle of mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and a side of marinara sauce for dipping.

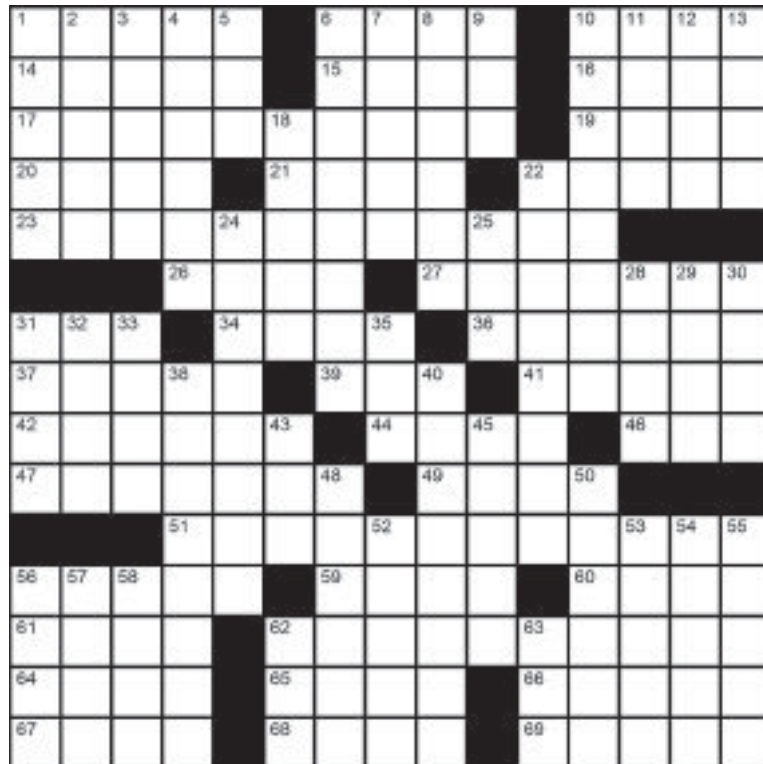
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. 'Low budget', in an advertisement
6. ___-Carotene
10. ___-Cola
14. Denial to a Drill Sergeant: 2 wds.
15. Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
16. Charge card, e.g.
17. Do this via eight glasses a day we're often told: 2 wds.
19. Tarry
20. "Makes sense.": 2 wds.
21. George Gershwin's 'Blue' musical work, briefly
22. Room service place
23. Where 'there is a town' in #24-Down: 2 wds.
26. Abominable snowman
27. TV host's directive to the standing audience: 2 wds.
31. Wilt
34. Monetary units in Albania
36. Jazz singer Ms. Holiday
37. Take ___ of faith
39. Director Mr. Mendes
41. Some shipbuilding woods
42. Helps
44. Ancient Rome: He who declared "Carthage must be destroyed."
46. In shape
47. Beer containers



49. Nautical hook
51. Events for getting tarot and palm readings: 2 wds.
56. Chills
59. Track event
60. Virginia willow
61. Italian harp
62. I'm Sorry! Canadians are known

- for their what?
64. Perceived
65. Sea lettuce
66. Bruce Cockburn's "If ___ Falls"
67. Musical quality
68. Country star Mr. Campbell
69. Quiet attention-getters

DOWN

1. "There's just no ___ sight!": 2 wds.
2. Rome's famous street, Via del ___
3. Wickerwork material
4. XC
5. Mork from ___
6. Shoes like Car-

11. Overlook
12. Formally give up
13. Figure skating jump
18. "Murder, She ___"
22. Socially click with someone: 3 wds.
24. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young song
25. Tease
28. Patron saint of Norway
29. Collaborative website name prefix
30. Branch 'building'
31. Swedish car
32. Inventor, Thomas ___ Edison
33. Equipment
35. Cul-de-quoi?
38. 1980 Leslie Nielsen movie!
40. Illusionist
43. Fox's adjective
45. Be silent, to a musician
48. Monk's manuscript
50. Dramatically falls to the floor
52. Bisect
53. Old Roman roads
54. Put back to zero
55. Mailing enclosures, commonly
56. Throw
57. Celebrated cookie
58. Receptive
62. Small dog
63. The Raven poet's monogram

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Group activities will become more important now that the Sun is moving in your favour. Join forces with like-minded people and see how far you can travel together. Find new ways to improve the world.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun's move into the career area of your chart will boost ambitions. Be realistic about what you can achieve, the fewer goals you have the more energy you can put into them.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
One of the most positive times of the year begins for you today. You'll be constantly busy the next few weeks, dealing with people and issues that inspire the best in you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may feel left out today but don't — you're the one sending subconscious signals that you want to be left alone. You have a lot to think about and you can't think in a crowd.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun moves into your opposite sign today, which means you'll have to take other people's needs and desires into consideration. Remember: when doing good things for others you benefit yourself as well.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You tend to avoid situations that are hard to control, but what happens today will force you to take part in a stressful activity. You'll find that you do well when the pressure is on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever crises you've had to deal with of late you can now forget all about them. A new set of cosmic influences will provide you with no end of opportunities to show the world that you are back to your best.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Put your needs on hold for a while and do what you can to help loved ones and relatives. The more you do for others now the more freedom you will have later in the year.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will find it easier to make your own decisions and your first decision must be to distance yourself from someone who annoys you. Act as if they no longer exist.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the next few weeks you will have to work harder than ever. As a Capricorn you will never reach a point where you are satisfied with your lot.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The Sun's move into your birth sign today makes this the ideal time to start new projects, but first you must give up on something that is not working. What you accomplish next will more than make up for it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Pay attention to what your inner voice tells you. The more you think about what you are doing now the more enjoyable your life will be when the Sun enters your sign next month.

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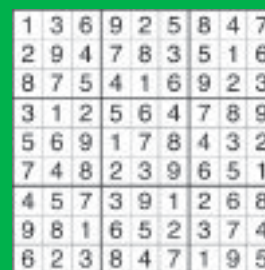
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